



2005 National Scout Jamboree

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U.S. military units supporting the 2005 National Scout Jamboree

Fort A.P. Hill, Va. – The U.S. Army is hosting the 2005 National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., from July 25 through August 3, 2005.

The 2005 Jamboree will be attended by more than 42,000 Boy Scouts, troop leaders, volunteers and professional staff members, as well as more than 270,000 visitors over the 10-day event. Based on these numbers, about 1,800 Soldiers from the active Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve, along with approximately 200 members of the U.S. Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard will support the event.

If this were an actual city, it would be considered the seventh largest in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Most of the services normally associated with the operation of a city this large will be available during the Jamboree.

National Scout Jamborees are conducted every four years by the Boy Scouts of America. Since 1981, Fort A.P. Hill has been the site of these events. The U.S. military's planning and support of this year's Jamboree started shortly after the last one ended.

Maj. Gen. John A. Yingling, First U.S. Army's Deputy Commanding General and the Joint Task Force-National Scout Jamboree Commander for this year's event, stated in his welcome letter to the troops supporting the Jamboree to "take advantage of this opportunity to train, and make a difference in young people's lives."

The Jamboree offers the U.S. military an excellent opportunity to sharpen the skills of its active Reserve and National Guard service members in a major operation containing a wide range of logistical challenges ranging from building roads to installing water, sewer, electrical and communications systems for a tent city of 42,000 inhabitants.

The theme for the 2005 Jamboree is, "On My Honor – Timeless Values." As in past Jamborees, the overall program will focus on the skills of scouting, the nation's heritage, physical fitness, conservation and the spirit of brotherhood. A myriad of special events

will further depict the rich heritage of scouting. Scouts will practice and demonstrate skills such as archery, orienteering, running obstacle courses, canoeing, and hunting safety; as well as take part in the disabilities-awareness trail, competitive events, merit badge midway, national exhibits and an arts and science fair.

The Jamboree will give the Scouts the opportunity to see a variety of military exhibits, color guards and bands from all the services. The U.S. Army is providing exhibits, equipment displays and events to involve scouts in the Army Adventure Area. Also, Scouts can observe demonstrations and shows by performing groups like the Golden Knights Parachute Team, the 3rd United States Infantry (Old Guard) Fife and Drum Corps, and the 214th Ground Forces Band. The military will support the Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Midway by providing 28 Merit Badge teams; 14 of those support teams are provided by the U.S. Army; nine teams are provided by the U.S. Coast Guard; three teams are provided by the U.S. Navy, and one team is provided by the Air National Guard.

Media are invited to visit the Jamboree and cover the military's support role of this event. Media who cannot attend, but are interested in reporting on the National Scout Jamboree, may obtain Jamboree information and photographs via the U.S. military's official web site located at <http://jambo.forscom.army.mil/>. For more information, contact the military Media Relations and Accreditation Team at (804) 633-8312/8845.